

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 JOHANN 01142 161620Z

45

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EUR-25 IO-14 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11

INR-10 LAB-06 NSAE-00 RSC-01 SIL-01 DODE-00 PM-07

H-03 L-03 NSC-10 PA-04 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15

DRC-01 /154 W

----- 016479

R 151150Z DEC 73

FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3089

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

C O N F I D E N T I A L JOHANNESBURG 1142

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: ELAB, SF

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION JOHANNESBURG FROM DURBAN DEC 12
REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DURBAN 0438

FOR PURCELL FROM HOLMS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, SF

SUBJECT: TUCSA SCHISM

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1115

1. THANKS FOR YOUR 1115. ALTHOUGH MRS. BOLTON HAS BEEN
CIRCUMSPECT WITH US AND GUARDED IN HER COMMENTS, IT IS
CLEAR THERE IS A DEEP IDEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL CHASM
BETWEEN HER ON ONE SIDE AND GROBBELAAR AND CO. ON OTHER.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 JOHANN 01142 161620Z

RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY BOLTON FEELS THAT TUCSA LEADERSHIP HAS

FAILED GIVE HER ADEQUATE SUPPORT IN HER MORE AGGRESSIVE AND IMAGINATIVE APPROACHES TO STRENGTHENING LARGELY NON-WHITE BUT REGISTERED UNIONS WHICH SHE HEADS (GARMENT, FURNITURE AND TEXTILE WORKERS) AND TO HELPING ORGANIZE AFRICAN WORKERS IN THOSE, AND INDEED OTHER, FIELDS. SHE BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT AFRICAN UNIONS WILL COME DESPITE SAG POLICY OF OBSTRUCTIONISM AND THAT MOST SENSIBLE POLICY FOR PRESENT TRADE UNION LEADERS IS TO ASSIST AND GUIDE THIS INEVITABLE DEVELOPMENT INTO RATIONAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHANNELS. SHE HAD THOUGHT SUCH ACTIVITY WAS IN LINE WITH TUCSA RESOLUTIONS TAKEN LAST AUGUST. SHE AND HER COLLEAGUES HAVE WORKED THROUGH A "GENERAL WORKERS BENEFIT FUND" TO ASSIST AFRICANS IN ORGANIZING THEMSELVES. AT FIRST PROGRESS WAS SLOW BUT, ACCORDING TO HER, AFRICANS ARE NOW CLAMORING FOR ORGANIZATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE AND COMING TO BOLTON HALL ON OWN INITIATIVE FOR HELP IN STEADILY GROWING NUMBERS.

2. DESPITE BASIC DIFFERENCES, WE HAVE NOT HEARD THAT SHE WISHES LEAVE TUCSA. RATHER SHE WOULD HOPE TO INDUCE IT TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE. SHE IS ASSISTED BY TWO RECENT GRADUATES OF NATAL UNIVERSITY, WHERE THEY WERE ACTIVE IN STUDENT WAGES COMMISSION: HALTON CHEADLE AND DAVID HEMSON. WE DO NOT KNOW CHEADLE, BUT HAVE FOUND HEMSON TO BE IDEALISTIC AND PERHAPS ENERGETICALLY NAIVE BUT NOT INFLUENCED BY "NEO MARXIST" THOUGHT. ALTHOUGH BOLTON IS IN CHARGE, WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO CHARACTERIZE HER AS EITHER A "RINGLEADER" OR "DUPE". RATHER WE FIND HER DEDICATED TO TRADITIONAL WESTERN TRADE UNION VALUES AND INCREDIBLY ACTIVE IN PUTTING THEM INTO PRACTICE. SHE WAS GREATLY INFLUENCED BY HER RECENT TRIP TO US.

3. WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY TUCSA LEADERSHIP IS ALARMED BY BOLTON'S ACTIVISM. IT IS CLEAR SHE IS PLAYING WITH FIRE IN HELPING ORGANIZE AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS, EVEN THOUGH THAT IS NOT ILLEGAL, AND IN PRESENT CLIMATE IT WOULD SEEM SHE IS IN GROWING DANGER OF BEING BANNED. ONE WOULD LIKE TO CAUTION HER TO COOL IT FOR A WHILE, BUT I DOUBT THAT IS IN HER NATURE. WE SHALL KEEP THIS IN MIND IN OUR CONTACTS WITH HER.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 JOHANN 01142 161620Z

4. THESE BRIEF COMMENTS ARE NO SUBSTITUTE WHATSOEVER FOR A REAL TALK WITH YOU AND I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO COME DOWN. THE LATCH STRING REMAINS OUT*
HOLMES

UNQUOTE
FOLEY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LABOR UNIONS, DESEGREGATION, LABOR UNION OFFICIALS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973JOHANN01142
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: DG ALTERED
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: JOHANNESBURG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731223/aaaaaqls.tel
Line Count: 114
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: JOHANNESBURG 1115
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14-Jan-2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <01-Feb-2002 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TUCSA SCHISM
TAGS: ELAB, SF, TUSCA, (BOLTON)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005